

have a greater appreciation for the tremendous contribution of Greece to our American values and our priceless democracy.

TRIBUTE TO THE DEAN ROBINSON  
FAMILY

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the Dean Robinson Family for being awarded the Cattleman of the Year award from the Madison County Cattlemen's Association. The Madison County Cattlemen's Association is an organization of beef producing families and associated companies dedicated to the future of Iowa's beef industry.

Accepting the coveted award were Robinson family members and producers Dave, Gina, Dean, Kristin and Bradley Robinson. Many Iowans, as well as the Robinsons, have a long tradition of raising quality beef for world consumption. Their farming operation is based on pure dedication to feeding the world while being good stewards of their product and the land.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud and congratulate the Robinsons for this award and I share their love and passion of raising cattle to feed the world. I am proud to represent them in the United States Congress. I ask that my colleagues in the United States House of Representatives join me in congratulating the Robinson Family and wishing them nothing but continued success.

IN MEMORIAM BRUCE MERRILL  
MAY 13, 1937–APRIL 9, 2016

**HON. KYRSTEN SINEMA**

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Ms. SINEMA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bruce Merrill. Bruce was a prominent Arizona political scientist and pollster who taught and conducted research at Arizona State University for the past forty years. Bruce was an Arizona native who taught political science and conducted regular opinion surveys of Arizona voters and provided political commentary to news outlets.

No elected official in Arizona was elected to office without the knowledge of Merrill's research. He was a factual, objective voice focused on finding out what Arizonan's wanted from their leaders. His perspective and deep knowledge of the Arizona electorate will be deeply missed.

Bruce was also a U.S. Navy veteran who served as a liaison officer to members of Congress and other political leaders. He studied political research at Brigham Young University and joined the faculty at ASU in 1970. He retired from the university in 1998 as a professor emeritus and served as a fellow for the Morrison Institute, a research center focused on public policy in Arizona.

Bruce is survived by his wife, Janis, daughter Kathryn Sorensen, son Christopher and his wife's children, Laura Sonius, Brian Sandler

and Heather Lauth and a host of grandchildren. Please join me in honoring his memory.

TRIBUTE TO WALT TITUS

**HON. DAVID YOUNG**

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. YOUNG of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Walt Titus on his recent retirement from the Gravity, Iowa Fire Department. Walt served as a firefighter for more than 58 years.

Walt became a volunteer firefighter in the mid-1950s in Kirkman, Iowa and has worked for the Sharpsburg and Gravity Fire Departments over the course of the next 58 years. He did anything that needed to be done in service to the department. He was quoted in the Bedford Times-Press stating that commitment is the key to a volunteer fire department. "If a fire alarm goes off, there is a blizzard and it's 10 below zero, some want to stay home. When you're committed, you get up and go whether you feel like it or not." It is that attitude which exemplifies the Iowa spirit of volunteerism and pride.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues in the United States Congress join me in commending Walt for his service to Taylor County. I consider it an honor to represent Walt in United States House of Representatives and wish him the best in his retirement from his firefighting duties.

CELEBRATING THE 2016 CONGRES-  
SIONAL ARTS COMPETITION

**HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 18, 2016*

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, once again, I come to the floor to recognize the great success of strong local schools working with dedicated parents and teachers. I rise today to congratulate and honor a number of outstanding high school artists from the 11th Congressional District of New Jersey. Each of these talented young men and women participated in the 2016 Congressional Arts Competition, "An Artistic Discovery." Their works of art are exceptional.

Sixty six participated. That is a wonderful response, and I would very much like to build on that participation for future competitions.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate the winners of our art competition. First place was awarded to Jane Lee from Wayne Valley High School for her acrylic painting entitled, "Chrome Still-Life." Second place was awarded to Emma Jang from West Morris Mendham High School for her acrylic painting on canvas entitled, "Tenacity." Tyler Harker received third place for his etching titled "Opal."

Honorable Mentions were awarded to: Connor Sokol of Sparta High School for his photograph titled "Freedom's Flight," Jasmine Shaw for her photograph entitled "There's No Place Like Homeland," Camila Rosario for her colored pencil sketch entitled "Stressed Out," and Leonela Moyoli of Boonton High School for her acrylic painting entitled, "Tyran Moore."

Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize each artist for their participation by indicating their high school, their name and the title of their contest entries.

Boonton High School:  
Alexis Manfredi, "The Lorax"  
Leonela Moyoli, "Tryan Moore"  
Theodore Perri, "Phelps"  
Elizabeth Sayles, "Elizabeth"

Chatham High School:  
Jane Ewald, "Teddy"  
Connie Han, "Like Father Like Son"  
Phoebe Nichols, "Eliza"  
Amanda Leyens, Untitled

Delbarton School:  
Joseph Gambetta, "Patriotism"  
Santiago Robertson-Lavalle, "Girl in the Archway"

Hanover Park High School:  
Samantha Wingerter, "Sam I Am"  
Jefferson Township High School:  
Skylar Lewis, "Moonlight Serenade"  
Melanie Rodriguez, "Reflections"  
Nina Thogulura, "Hues of Contemplation"

Kinnelon High School:  
Samantha Flayderman, "Miss Believer"  
Patrycia Glowiak, "Shadows"  
Ava Lutz, "Aviary Reflection"  
Amanda Pita, "The Old Man by the Sea"  
Livingston High School:  
Lanie Esralew, "July in Manhattan"  
Yana Sang, "Around the World"  
Jasmine Shaw, "There's No Place like Home-land"

Julia Zeman, "Passionate Polaroid"  
Jennifer Zheng, "Where to Next?"

Mewe Art Academy:  
Siyu Cao, "2011/07/01 Shanghai"

Montville High School:  
Kristen DiGiacomo, "Lost"  
Destinee Garrido, "Style"  
Alexander Tullo, "Back Street Lot"

Morris Catholic High School:  
Patrick Green, "Sunset Over the Marine Corps War Memorial"

Roxana Ponce, "Reminiscence"  
Haoming Zhu, "Zi Tai [Posture]"

Morris Knolls High School:  
Austin Braddock, "Censored"  
Jenna Ford, "Fractured Self-Portrait"  
Adam SanGiovanni, "Stephanie, the Free Soul"

Ryan Sullivan, "Hypnotized"  
Mountain Lakes High School:  
Joy Xie, "Worn Out"

Nutley High School:  
Barbara Benda, "Relief in the Farm of Nusty Pages"

Jacob Michels, "Bridge"  
Omar Morsi, "Making the Best of a Rainy Day"

Gregory O'Connell, "Smooth Criminal"

Parsippany High School:  
Christine Li, "Don't Burst My Bubble"

Parsippany Hills High School:  
Karoline Xiong, "The Joy of Sunrise"

Passaic County Technical Institute:  
Christopher Cortez, "Norma"

Jamie Loverdi, "Candice Swanepoel"

Passaic Valley High School:  
Claudia Barone, "Piano Keys"  
Melanie Capalbo, "Fall Foliage"  
Andrew Fucntet, "Fear in Clouds"  
Santiago Gomez-Vargas, "All the Dry Peaches"

Randolph High School:  
Nicole Gehan, "Brave"

Sparta High School:  
Brandon Ancis, "Unspoken Wisdom"  
Katlyn Connelly, "Father and Son Bonding"  
Mitchell Coyle, "The Dream Within Us All"  
Connor Sokol, "Freedom's Flight"

Wayne Valley High School: